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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Rafael Barragan-Flores, DOB: 12/31/80, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 37 months imprisonment, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported. Barragan-Flores pleaded guilty to this charge on June 24, 2005.

Barragan-Flores was found in the United States upon his arrest in Arcadia, Wisconsin for a traffic violation. Fingerprint evidence revealed that Barragan-Flores had been previously deported from the United States in 2002 after a felony conviction for assault in the State of Iowa.

The charges against Barragan-Flores were the result of an investigation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security - Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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